India-China Boundary Question concluded in April 2005. The Special Representatives shall complete at an early date the task of arriving at an agreed framework settlement on the basis of this Agreement". The dates for the next round of talks between the Special Representatives will be decided through diplomatic channels.

PM's visit has led to a broadening of our functional cooperation in bilateral areas and to the deepening of mutual understanding between our two countries.

Indo-US Civil Nuclear Agreement

252. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is reported to have made a statement to the effect that India would be isolated if it did not sign the civilian under agreement with U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has not so far moved forward on the safeguard agreement with International Atomic Energy Agency; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Minister of External Affairs, in his extempore remarks while addressing the Kolkata Chamber of Commerce on February 3, 2008 conveyed that India has not been able to enter into trade in nuclear materials and technology with the 45 member Nuclear Suppliers Group as their guidelines prevent members from trade and civil nuclear co-operation with India, has not signed the Non Proliferation Treaty and has a strategic programme, India has thus been virtually isolated from cooperation with such suppliers for decades and has been denied access to advanced and dual use technology for decades.

(c) Negotiations on an India-specific safeguards agreement are ongoing with the IAEA.

(d) Does not arise.

Supply of uranium

253. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that African coutnries like Niger, Namibia, Uganda, Angola produce sizeable quantities of uranium;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take up the matter with those countries for the supply of uranium instead of entering into an agreement with USA for the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof and;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the draft International Atomic Energy Agency Red Book Report 2007, Niger